



PRESS RELEASE

AG Gansler: Incontinence Supplies Company Agrees to Pay \$1M *Anne Arundel Co.-based Americle Healthcare allegedly billed, did not deliver goods*

Baltimore, MD (December 17, 2014) - Attorney General Douglas F. Gansler today announced that Americle Healthcare, Inc., which provides durable medical equipment, adult diapers and other incontinence supplies to Maryland Medicaid recipients, settled allegations that it billed for goods that it did not deliver and for goods it delivered in violation of applicable regulations. Americle, which is based in Anne Arundel County, will pay Maryland \$1 million in restitution and other recoveries.

"This company's actions fly in the face of state regulations that are in place to ensure that providers do not exploit taxpayers by billing for products that are not medically necessary or for products that are not delivered," said Attorney General Gansler. "Companies that do so compromise the integrity of Maryland's public healthcare system, ultimately making health care more expensive for everyone."

Maryland Medicaid provides coverage for its recipients to receive incontinence supplies and requires that recipients' doctors first provide a certificate of medical necessity to the supplier informing them of the quantity of goods needed per month. The supplier is also required to obtain a delivery certificate from the recipient to confirm that the goods were actually delivered and the quantity of goods delivered. This settlement resolves allegations that, from 2005 to 2009, Americle billed Medicaid for products that were never delivered or were shipped without obtaining a certificate of medical necessity or delivery certificate.

The settlement follows an investigation conducted in cooperation with the United States Department of Health and Human Services-Office of the Inspector General (HHS-OIG).

In making the announcement, Attorney General Gansler thanked HHS-OIG Special Agent Jason Marrero, Maryland Assistant Attorney General Jeremy Dykes, and Senior Auditor Carol Kelly for their work on this case.